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72 YEAR OLD COCKEYSVILLE MAN SENTENCED IN CHILD PORN CASE

Baltimore, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Allen F. Loucks announces that today U. S. District Court Judge Richard D. Bennett sentenced Charles Blair Barrick age 72, of Arnold, Maryland to 15 months in prison and 12 months home confinement as a result of his conviction for possession of child pornography.

According to the plea agreement, on May 20, 2003 the United States Postal Inspection Service ("USPIS"), using an undercover supplier, delivered 8 videotapes to Barrick's residence which contained visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. Shortly thereafter, federal agents from USPIS and the U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) entered Barrick's residence and found the package containing the videotapes. The package was unopened, however, the defendant admitted that he had ordered and paid for them, and that he knew that the videotapes contained visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Finally, he said he had bought the videotapes to sell to a friend in Mississippi.

In the course of executing the search warrant, the agents also seized Barrick's computer and computer equipment. An ICE computer forensic analyst examined the computer equipment and

found that it contained visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Andrew Norman.